

Administrative Memo

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To: School Administrators

From: Jocelyn Strand, Improvement and Accountability Administrator

Subject: QS-22-001 — Mathematics Assessments for Middle School Students in the 2019-20 School Year

In a traditional school year, students who are enrolled in advanced mathematics content in middle school should participate in the appropriate mathematics End-of-Course (EOC). However, the cancellation of the assessment window during the 2019-20 school year presented local education agencies (LEAs) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education with a set of unique circumstances. This memo clarifies guidance for LEAs regarding students enrolled, but not assessed in, advanced mathematics content in middle school during the 2019-20 school year.

In accordance with the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), local education agencies must assess all students in mathematics once during high school. To meet this requirement, students who completed advanced mathematics in middle school during the 2019-20 school year must do one of the following prior to graduation:

- Take the Algebra I EOC assessment; or
- Take the Algebra II or Geometry EOC assessment based on the LEA's course pattern.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the School Improvement Team at AccountabilityData@dese.mo.gov or 573-751-4426.